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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/IB00/01382)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE :  
SULFONYL AMINO ACID  
DERIVATIVES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) A sulfonyl amino acid derivatives according to claim 1, wherein n is 1.

4. (Amended) A sulfonyl amino acid derivative according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>

M and Ar<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from the group comprising or consisting of phenyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, said residues being optionally substituted by at least one substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, like trihalomethyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy,